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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
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Re: Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., NuVox Communications, Inc., KMC Telecom V, Inc., KMC Telecom III LLC, and Xspedius [Affiliates] an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended
Docket No. 2005-57-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

BellSouth and the Joint Petitioners are confident that once a determination has been made as to the conflict of interest issue that has been raised in this docket, the parties can jointly submit a proposal for the Commission's consideration that would finalize the record in this docket quickly (and most likely without additional hearings) and allow the parties to begin the briefing process promptly.

In order to accomplish that result, BellSouth and the Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission allow the parties to argue the merits of the conflict of interest issue during the November 9, 2005 oral argument in this docket and then enter an Order resolving the issue. While both parties reserve the right to appeal the substance of any such order, BellSouth and the Joint Petitioners waive any procedural objections to Commission's hearing argument and entering a decision on the merits of that issue at this point in the proceeding.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has been consulted and does not object to this request.

Sincerely,



Patrick W. Turner

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cc: All Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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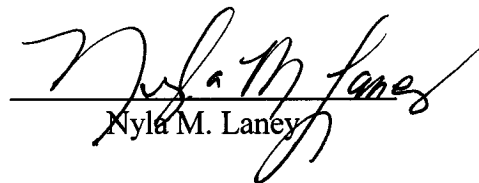
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